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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. In July 1955, one of the mechanized regiments stationed in Karpin dismissed several officers from the KVP because they answered a questionnaire incompletely by omitting relatives in Western countries, the Federal Republic of Germany or West Berlin. In early August, the questionnaires of the non-commissioned officers were started to be examined.¹
2. From 29 July to 2 August, night practices of small tank units were held in the Luckow area northeast of Eggesin almost daily. On 1 August, for instance, 8 tanks and 8P guns, 2 armored personnel carriers and 10 trucks participated in these exercises which apparently were held as preparation for demonstration practices to be conducted by Karpin tank units in the presence of senior officers from the corps from 3 to 5 August.
3. On 27 July, one of the mechanized regiments in Karpin started an aircraft reporting instruction course, which was to last until 20 August.²
4. Headquarters exercises of the 2d Mees Regt and subsequently of the 1st Mees Regt were to be held in the Pasewalk area during the period from 19 to 23 August. A major exercise of the 2d Mees Regt was to be conducted in the Luckow area after 24 August.
5. On 2 August, no close units were absent from installation Karpin.
6. On 6 August, the AA unit in Altwarp numbered approximately 500 men. The inscription on the garages and their occupation indicated that the AAA unit was organized into the regimental headquarters under the command of Major Rau (fmu), 4 companies each with 6 x 37-mm AA guns and 2 ~~ammunition~~ ^{UNCODED} 37-mm AA guns for training purposes, 1 company with 22 AA machine guns, 1 signal company with six new portable radio sets each with a 2-meter antenna, and the regimental school. Most of the personnel of the signal company wore yellow-bordered black collar patches. The morale of the unit appeared to have been improved because the recruits were watched more closely from the beginning.³
7. Training on two 37-mm AA guns, construction of field fortifications, camouflaging, field training and firing practices were continually observed in the installation and near the post.

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8. The unit received new rifles which were adjusted by a 12-man detail.
9. The personnel of the gun workshop numbered approximately 100 men 20 of whom belonged to the AAA unit. The other soldiers were light-blue cellar patches. The workshop continued to be equipped with lathes, large drilling machines, etc. So far, 57-mm AT guns, 76-mm field guns with and without muzzle brakes and 122-mm howitzers had been delivered for overhauling.⁴
10. The drivers school unit, which was quartered in the same installation as the AAA unit and the gun workshop, was commanded by Major Hecker (fmu) and numbered approximately 300 men. Field training, theoretical and practical driving instruction were conducted.
11. The motor vehicle repair shop was also transferred to the KVP installation in Altwarp some time ago. It was subordinate to the division and repaired vehicles of all units. It had six new, modernly equipped repair shop trucks.⁵
12. On 6 August, 5 or 6 field kitchens which are not used while the unit is at the post were cleaned.⁶
13. Since about 1 August, 40 tents occupied by 300 to 400 men wearing light-blue cellar patches had been on the bay east of the installation. Approximately 10 to 12 trucks, 5 armored personnel carriers and some sidecar motorcycles were near the tents. The unit allegedly came from Karpin.⁷
14. On 15 July, the AAA unit in Altwarp numbered approximately 75 officers and approximately 325 EM, the division drivers school approximately 20 officers and approximately 320 EM, the gun workshop approximately 20 officers and approximately 70 EM and the division motor vehicle workshop approximately 20 officers and approximately 100 EM.

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1. Comment. Discharges of officers for reasons mentioned in the present report have already been reported.
2. Comment. The instruction course has presumably the mission of informing selected personnel on the recognition of aircraft. An aircraft reporting company of the division has already been activated in the spring of 1955.
3. Comment. The AAA Regt Altwarp has been known to be equipped with 12 AA machine guns. It is possible that the authorized level of equipment with AA machine guns and some additional practice weapons has now been reached. To determine the exact number, further details on the organization of the AA machine gun company have to be obtained.
4. Comment. The workshop is presumably the gun workshop for the entire area of the division and is subordinate to the division.
5. Comment. The motor vehicle repair shop base of the division has been assumed to be located in the former boat building works opposite the present installation.
6. Comment. Possibly preparatory measures for the summer camp.
7. Comment. The tents were probably the summer camp of elements of a mechanized or reconnaissance unit of the division.

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